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CHINESE EXPAND LIGHT INDUSTRY IN 1953

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The Ministry of Light Industry, People's Republic of China, has plans for the expansion or construction of 137 plants in various industries.

In the field of pharmaceuticals, ten plants are being improved or built. By expanding the existing plant for penicillin and streptomycin, serial production of these antibiotics will be made possible in China.

The paper industry will be expanded by construction or improvement of 13 plants. The largest paper factory in Kuangtung will reach four times its present production of newspaper pulp by 1956. A plant making paper for industrial purposes is under construction in Chia-mu-ssu in North China; it is expected to start production in 1957. With the active support of Soviet experts, a large mechanized sawmill has been completed and put into operation in Chia-mu-ssu.

Two plants for automobile tires are being expanded in the Northeast and in East China. They are expected to double the present production capacity. A third plant is under consideration.

A new sugar refinery will be put into operation in the province of Kuangtung in November 1953 and two additional plants for the processing of sugar beets will start production in Manchuria by the end of 1953.

Plans for a plant to manufacture medical precision instruments are under consideration.

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